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SUBJECT: PRESS STORY ON SWISS OVERFLIGHT

1. FOLLOWING STORY BY TRIBUNE DE GENEVE'S WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT APPEARED IN TRIBUNE ON FEBRUARY 7:

"THE UNITED STATES MAY TRY TO OBTAIN RIGHT OF PASSAGE
FOR THEIR PLANES IN THE SWISS SKIES IN CASE OF A NEW
CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE ISRAELI
ARMED FORCES.

ACCORDING TO PETER DOMINICK, WHO WAS RECENTLY NAMED
AMBASSADOR IN BERN, SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS UNDER DISCUSSION
BETWEEN THE PENTAGON (FOR THE TIME BEING AT A LOWER LEVEL)
AND THE SWISS MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

HOWEVER, THIS INFORMATION IS BEING STRICTLY DENIED BOTH BY
THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND BY THE SWISS EMBASSY. "THERE IS
NO QUESTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT," SAYS THE SWISS EMBASSY.

IT IS RECALLED THAT DURING THE YOM KIPPER WAR THE AMERICANS
WERE IN A POSITION TO USE THEIR BASES IN THE AZORES, NOW,
IN VIEW OF THE POLITICAL CHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE
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IN PORTUGAL, IT IS NOT SURE THAT THIS WOULD AGAIN BE

POSSIBLE. IT IS THEREFORE POSSIBLE THAT THEY MIGHT TRY TO ESTABLISH A BRIDGEHEAD IN GERMANY OR IN GREAT BRITAIN. AS FOR SWISS AIRSPACE, AMERICAN MILITARY PLANES MAY USE IT BUT ONLY BY GIVING PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND THEY CANNOT TRANSPORT MILITARY EQUIPMENT."

2. NO OTHER PAPER CARRIED THE STORY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE STORY ALSO NOT CARRIED ON TV OR RADIO.

3. WE HAVE HAD NO PRESS INQUIRIES. REQUEST ANY CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE PREPARED.
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